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LOUISVILLE DRUG DEALER PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG AND GUN CHARGES

LOUISVILLE, KY - Glenn White, age 47, of Louisville, Kentucky, pled guilty on September 19, 2007, to drug trafficking, being a felon in possession of a firearm and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a crack cocaine trafficking offense, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

The plea was entered before John G. Heyburn II, Chief Judge, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky.

U.S. Attorney Huber said, "Once again, Louisville Metro Police, working with ATF, demonstrates how Project Backfire can take a drug dealing felon with a firearm off the streets."

Facts

White admitted that during a traffic stop by Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) on May 31, 2005, LMPD detectives found digital scales and a box of plastic baggies on the floorboard of the vehicle in which he and co-defendant, Toni Desurne, were passengers. A loaded Davis Industries .38 caliber handgun was found in White's pocket, and approximately 8.71 grams of cocaine base with a street value of \$900 was found in White's lap. White had previously been convicted in Jefferson County Circuit Court on January 7, 2000, of receiving stolen property over \$300.00.

White also admitted that during a traffic stop by LMPD on March 28, 2006, detectives observed White holding a canister that contained multiple pieces of crack cocaine that were color coded according to their monetary value and packaged for sale. Approximately 5.38 grams of crack cocaine was seized during this traffic stop with a street value of approximately \$500.00.

The maximum potential penalties are not more than life and not less than 10 years imprisonment, \$2,000,000 fine and not more than 5 years supervised release.

During a traffic stop on May 23, 2006, LMPD detectives observed a white Chevy van committing a traffic violation and performed a traffic stop on the vehicle. The vehicle was being driven by Toni Desurne, who at the time possessed 11 grams of cocaine base, with a street value of \$1100.00 in her bra and pants. Desurne pled guilty to all charges on August 28, 2007 and is scheduled to be sentenced on December 17, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in Louisville.

This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire is a cooperative effort by the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorneys Office, the Louisville Metro Police Department, and the United States Attorney's Office to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert J. Kilmartin. The Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives conducted the investigation in partnership with the Louisville Metro Police Department, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety..

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